

IN THE CLAIMS:

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11. (New) A mixer system for preparing water-thinnable coating compositions with precisely defined tinting from different base colors, the mixer system comprising
- A) different base colors, containing water in an amount from 5% to less than 20% by weight, comprising
- from 0.5 to 70% by weight of at least one of a color pigment, an effect pigment, and a color and effect pigment,
 - from 10 to 80% by weight of at least one water-dilutable or water-dispersible binder that can be prepared in the form of organic solutions, and
 - at least one organic solvent and,
 - optionally, auxiliaries and additives,
- the sum of the weight fractions of a) to d) being 100% by weight, and
- B) at least one water-containing, pigment-free component that comprises at least one rheology control additive, and, optionally, at least one water-dilutable or water-dispersible binder, and, optionally, auxiliaries and additives.
12. (New) The mixer system of claim 1, wherein the binder in the base color comprises at least one of a polyurethane resin and an amino resin.
13. (New) The mixer system of claim 11, wherein a binder is present in the water-containing, pigment-free component and comprises at least one of a polyurethane resin, an amino resin, and a polyacrylate resin.
14. (New) The mixer system of claim 11, wherein the mixer system comprises at least one of
- at least one base color comprising effect pigments,
 - at least one base color comprising inorganic color pigments, and
 - at least one base color comprising organic color pigments.

15. (New) The mixer system of claim 11, wherein the different base colors each comprise the same binder or binder mixtures.
16. (New) The mixer system of claim 11, wherein the different base colors have at least one of i) the same ratio of solid binder to organic solvent, and ii) the ratio of solid binder to solvent in the finished aqueous coating composition is constant.
17. (New) The mixer system of claim 11, wherein the mixer system has a shelf stability greater than 12 months.
- Cont 18. (New) A process for preparing a water-thinnable coating composition with precisely defined tinting, in which different base colors a mixer system are prepared and stored separately and are not mixed until shortly before the coating composition is applied, comprising
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- I) providing the at least one base color and the at least one water-containing, pigment-free component of the mixer system of claim 11, and
- II) mixing the at least one base color and the at least one water-containing, pigment-free component.
19. (New) The process of claim 18, wherein the water-thinnable coating composition is an aqueous basecoat material for coating at least one of automobile bodies and plastic parts.
20. (New) The process of claim 18, wherein the water-thinnable coating composition is an aqueous coating composition for automotive refinish.
21. (New) The process of claim 18 further comprising applying the water-thinnable coating composition to a substrate.
22. (New) The substrate prepared by the process of claim 21.